

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTIONS

- The House perfected **HCS HR 294 & 212**, which urges the United States Congress to summarily reject the enactment of the federal Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). FOCA classifies abortion as a fundamental right and prohibits any restrictions on abortions.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **Ways and Means Committee** passed **HB 86**, which increases the outstanding shares and surplus threshold amount used to calculate a corporation's franchise tax. (2.12.09)
- The **Rural Community Development Committee** passed **HB 65**, which allows rural empowerment zones to exist in any county with 18,000 or fewer residents and prohibits more than two rural empowerment zones in any county. (2.12.09)
- The **Elementary and Secondary Education Committee** passed **HCS HB 242**, which allows school districts to establish a four-day school week upon a majority vote of the school board. (2.11.09)

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 2/16/09
9:30 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	719
# of HBs Referred to Committee	388
# HBs Reported Do Pass	8
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	3
# HBs Perfected	1
# HBs Third Read	1
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	0
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0

Photo of the Week



Rep. Bob Dixon discusses HR 294 on the floor on Wednesday. This resolution urges the U.S. Congress to reject the enactment of FOCA.



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Dates of Interest

- March 12 - Spring Break begins
- March 23 - Spring Break ends
- April 1 - Last day to file bills
- April 13 - Easter Break
- May 8 - Appropriation bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed
- May 15 - Session ends
- July 14 - Deadline for the governor to sign bills
- September 16- Veto session begins

MORE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **Elections Committee** held a hearing on **HJR 13**, which proposes a constitutional amendment limiting the total service in the General Assembly to 16 years in any proportion between the Missouri House of Representatives and the Senate. (2.10.09)
- The **Elementary and Secondary Education Committee** held a hearing on **HB 236**, which establishes Kaitlyn's Law. This law would require school districts to allow certain students with disabilities to participate in graduation ceremonies after four years of high school attendance. (2.11.09)
- The **Crime Prevention Committee** held a hearing on **HB 260**, which changes the laws regarding a person who has been found guilty of failure to register as a sexual offender. (2.10.09)
- The **Special Standing Committee on General Laws** held a hearing on **HB 316**, which changes the laws regarding the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law. (2.10.09)

FAST FACTS PRESIDENT'S DAY

- President's Day was established to celebrate President George Washington's birthday.
- Washington's Birthday was first observed as a federal holiday in 1880.
- The federal holiday is officially designated as Washington's Birthday but is widely known as President's Day.
- Virginia is the birthplace of more U.S. presidents than any other state.
- George Washington and James Monroe were the only two presidents who ran unopposed.



Did you know?

According to the final report of the State Capitol Commission Board published in 1919, 721 rail-car loads of stone were used in the exterior of the Capitol and 44 railcar loads were used in the interior.